

EXHIBIT A

JULY 1997 NEWSLETTER



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COMMUNITY MEETING Gerstle River Expansion Area, Formerly Used Defense Site



DATE: June 16, 1997 (Monday)
PLACE: Diamond Willow Club, Ft. Greely
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

The U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska (Corps) is holding a Public Meeting to determine whether the community is interested in forming a Gerstle River Expansion Area, Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in the Delta Junction area. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to discuss the project activities, and learn how a RAB could assist in making decisions that may affect the community.

For more information, please contact:

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Gerstle River Expansion Area, Formerly Used Defense Site Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Community Interest Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

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Are you representing any community, environmental, or industrial group or organization:

☐ No ☐ Yes (*please specify*) _____

The community co-chair will be selected by the community members of the RAB. Are you interested in being considered for this position?

☐ No ☐ Yes

What goal/s do you wish to reach by being a member of the RAB: (*please describe*)

Are you prepared for the volunteer time commitment that will be needed to be a RAB member?

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Signature: _____

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- ✓ Be able to commit the necessary volunteer time; and
- ✓ Be flexible with time and schedule.

All RAB Meetings Will Be Held Locally

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MEETING ADVERTISEMENTS

Topics to be covered are:

- D.E.C.: "new" regulations -- smoke permit
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Heral - Kozarik

Lisa Marie Heral and Andrew A. Kozarik will be married Saturday, August 9, 1997 at 2 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Father Don Balquin will be officiating and the bride will be given in marriage by her father. A reception will be held at the Delta Junction Community Center after the ceremonies.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of N. Paul and Debra Heral of Delta Junction, Alaska. She graduated from the Delta Greely School District in 1997 and is currently employed at Diehl's Shopping Center and Video Unlimited.

PUBLIC NOTICE


Delta Wind
Jul 24, 1997

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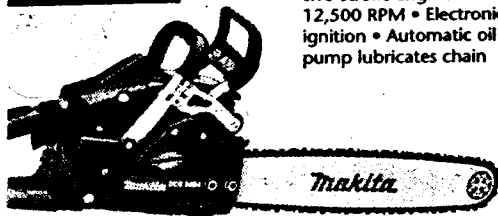
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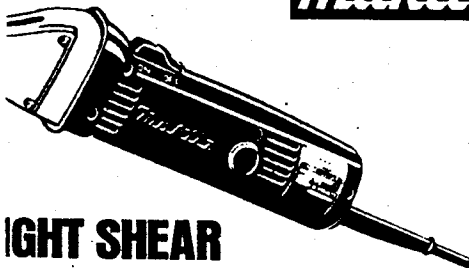
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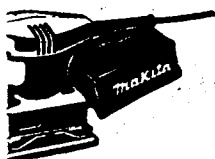
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Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

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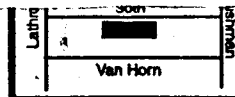
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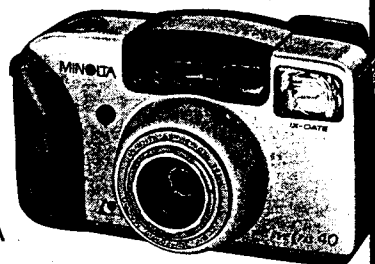
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SIGN-IN SHEETS

Gerstle River Expansion Area
RAB Meeting
Aug. 12, 1997

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"	"	"
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Ronan Floss	ADEC	451-2156
Jim LEVINE	COE	753 5685
DAVE WESTERMAN	COE-AK	753-2804
P.R. Meyer	co.	895-4493
Nat Jood	Delta TAG Advisory	895-6282
STEVE DWBOIS	AK FISH & GAME	895-4484
Al Edgren	DNR - Foresting - Delta	895-4225
ROBERT LAYNE	DNR / DIVISION OF LAND	451-2735
Margellen Tuttle	Dames + Moore	562-3366
KIM MORRIS	Dames + Moore	562-3366

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MEETING HANDOUTS

Gerstle River Expansion Area

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

August 12, 1997



Meeting Agenda

1) Introductions

Corps of Engineers

ADEC, ADNIR

Dames & Moore

Community Members

2) Summary of July 16 Meeting

RAB Interest Solicited

Information Repository Demonstration

Site Activity Discussion

3) Confirm RAB Members

4) RAB Bylaws and Mission Statement

BRAC RAB Bylaws as model

5) Elect Community Co-Chair

Nominations

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Fact Sheet



What is a RAB?

A RAB is a board established at a community involved in a cleanup through the Defense Environmental Restoration Program process. The goals of the RAB are to provide information on program activities by:

- ✓ Acting as a forum for the discussion and exchange of information on cleanup activities between the Corps of Engineers (Corps), regulatory agencies, and the community.
- ✓ Providing an opportunity for community members to participate in the cleanup process and provide input to decision makers.
- ✓ Complementing other community involvement initiatives.

Who are the members of a RAB?

A RAB consists of two groups: community members and government representatives. All members are equal. The meetings are co-chaired by a representative of the community and the Corps Project Manager. The members of a RAB include:

- ✓ Representatives of community interests or groups;
- ✓ Interested individuals;
- ✓ Corps Project Manager;
- ✓ State agency representatives (ADEC, ADNR, and others); and
- ✓ Local government representatives.

What are its responsibilities?

The responsibilities of the RAB are to:

- ✓ Provide individual advice on environmental restoration issues to the Corps and state regulatory agencies. However, the RAB does not make decisions on the cleanup process.

Current Site Activities

Gerstle River Expansion Area Site Activities



Document Review

The Corps is in the process of gathering and reviewing documents pertaining to past site activities. Information contained in these documents will help the Corps make informed decisions on what cleanup activities should be implemented. Some of the information that needs to be reviewed includes:

- ✓ Statements made regarding past site activities at the Expansion Area
- ✓ References to test plans, standard operating procedures, and methods of firing, observing and recording test activities at the site
- ✓ Records documenting site activities prior to 1964

Document Declassification

There are documents containing information pertaining to past activities at the Expansion Area which are classified and not accessible to the public. The Corps recognizes the importance of having these documents available for review. Efforts to declassify these documents include:

- ✓ Increased communication between the Corps and the Army
- ✓ Requests from ADEC to declassify specific documents
- ✓ Formation of the RAB to determine community interest in declassifying documents

Preparation of an EE/CA

The Corps is in the process of preparing a scope of work to prepare an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA) for cleanup activities at the Expansion Area.

The goal of the EE/CA will be to determine the nature and extent of contamination and recommend risk management response actions. The EE/CA will define what field investigations should be performed based on past cleanup activities and archival information. The EE/CA will consider current and future land use of the site.

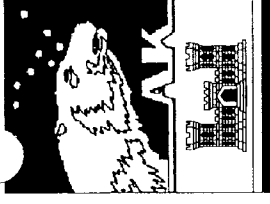
Questions About Site Activities

If you have questions regarding current site activities, contact Bob Chivvis at the Corps of Engineers, (907) 753-5782.

Gerstle River Expansion Area

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

August 12, 1997



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Audrey Brown	Local Firefighters	P.O. Box 990, DJ, AK 99737	907-895-5297		
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Stephen Fields					
Matthew Frenzl		HC-60, Box 4060, DJ, AK 99737			
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Stan VanDenBerg					
Frank Watford		P.O. Box 214, DJ, AK 99737	907-895-4311		
Kathy Watford		P.O. Box 214, DJ, AK 99737	907-895-4311		
Ray Woodruff					

**FORT GREELY, ALASKA
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
CHARTER AND BY-LAWS**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fort Greely Restoration Advisory Board is to provide an open forum among all interested parties in order to recommend to the United States Army ways by which the Fort Greely environmental restoration program can facilitate the execution of the community's redevelopment plan pursuant to the Base Closure and Realignment Act.

Restoration Advisory Board By-laws

I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Fort Greely Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the RAB is to provide a forum to facilitate communication and coordination between the Army, community, and regulatory agencies in response to actions undertaken under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Act. Environmental restoration under BRAC will follow Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) guidelines. Specifically, the RAB concept provides members and the community an opportunity to review and comment on proposals for site cleanup options and to identify community concerns relating to various cleanup scenarios under the Fort Greely realignment.

The RAB will advise the Army and the BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) Cleanup Team (BCT), but it is not a decision-making body.

III. AUTHORITY

The basis and authority for this charter are the Base Realignment and Closure Act and Department of Defense policies.

IV. COMPOSITION

Membership shall consist of the Fort Greely Post Commander (Army Co-chair), a representative from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10, a representative from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), the BRAC Environmental Coordinator (BEC), a representative of the Delta/Greely Community Coalition (also known as the Local Redevelopment Authority or LRA), and members of the community. A Co-chair will be selected from the community members either by acclamation or by 2/3 majority vote of members present. The Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) representative will assist the RAB as appropriate (non-voting).

V. REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A. RAB members must represent private citizens, community groups, or federal, state, and local government organizations.

B. Members must agree to participate in RAB meetings and activities for a minimum of one year. There is no limit on the number of terms a member may serve.

C. Additional members may be added to the RAB by a 2/3 majority vote of present community members.

D. If a RAB member resigns, the remaining RAB members will review nominations. The new member will be elected by a 2/3 majority vote of the present community members.

VI. RULES OF THE RAB

A. All RAB members will strive to attend all meetings. Community members who miss two consecutive meetings without reason may be removed for cause. Reasons should be directed to either Co-chair.

B. RAB members are expected to become familiar with the restoration actions on Fort Greely that pertain to surplus property by reviewing data presented to them by the BRAC Environmental Coordinator (BEC), other members of the BCT, or technical experts.

C. Co-chairs will ensure that written comments from the RAB are forwarded to the BCT in a timely manner.

D. Members will review documents and provide comments on actions proposed by the Army in view of recommending priorities among sites and projects. Members will use applicable standards to evaluate cleanup actions.

E. Members will serve as a conduit of information between the community and the Army.

F. RAB members will serve without compensation.

G. RAB members may select an alternate to serve in their absence; however, alternates may not vote on any issue or bring new issues before the RAB.

H. RAB members will respect each other, will not interrupt another, will refrain from personal attacks, and will stick to issues being discussed.

I. Whenever actions must be decided by a vote, 1/2 of the voting members will constitute a quorum. RAB members from regulatory agencies and the BEC may not vote.

VI. DUTIES OF THE CO-CHAIRS

A. The Army Co-chair and the Community Co-chair will preside over RAB meetings, with the latter taking the lead.

B. The Army Co-chair will: along with the BCT members of the RAB, ensure that the BCT (the official decision making forum) considers and responds to comments from the public through procedures established and documented by the RAB; coordinates with the Community Co-chair to prepare and distribute an agenda prior to each RAB meeting; advertises meetings; provides administrative support for the RAB; ensures that minutes of meetings are taken; prepares draft minutes and coordinates review of the draft minutes with the Community Co-chair and RAB members; and publishes the minutes of the meeting by placing them in the Information Repository.

The Army Co-chair will also: refer issues other than environmental restoration on surplus property to appropriate Army channels for normal processing outside the RAB; work with the Community Co-chair to establish a process for public review of documents; publish a public notice advertisement in a large circulation newspaper; publish the operating procedures agreed upon by the RAB, including the process established for public review and comment; publish the RAB minutes; and provide draft documents and, when necessary, summaries and presentations summaries and presentations to the RAB for review.

C. The Community Co-chair will: ensure that community issues and concerns related to the environmental restoration and cleanup program are brought to the table; assist the Army in communicating technical information to all RAB members in understandable terms; assist in disseminating information to the public; coordinate with the Army Co-chair to prepare and distribute an agenda prior to each RAB meeting; be the lead Co-chair with technical and administrative support provided by the Army Co-chair; and ensure that RAB members are given adequate time to present their concerns and comments.

VII. OPERATING PROCEDURES

A. Meetings will be held quarterly, but may be held on an as-need basis, and will be at a location agreed to by the members. Members will submit agenda items to either Co-chair no later than two weeks prior to a scheduled meeting. Comments on minutes will be presented to the Co-chairs. The Community Co-chair will conduct the meetings, and in his absence, the Army Co-chair.

B. Special subcommittee meetings may be held at the request of three RAB members.

C. Development of the next meeting agenda will be an agenda item for each meeting, along with approval of prior meeting minutes.

D. Co-chairs will follow Roberts' Rules of Order as needed in conducting meetings.

VIII. DOCUMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES

A. All pertinent documents will be placed in the information repository by the Army Co-chair in a timely manner so that all RAB members and the public will have ample time for review and comment before deadline dates. The Army Co-chair will provide the RAB with schedules of upcoming documents, deliverables, and deadlines for comment and when comments come in, will provide them to RAB members and the public.

B. If RAB members represent a particular constituency, that constituency must be identified to the RAB.

C. Comments will be read and discussed at RAB meetings and forwarded to the BCT.

IX. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

A. The Army Co-chair may appoint a facilitator to enhance meeting effectiveness. The facilitator may not be a RAB member.

B. Action items may be established at any RAB meeting. All action items will be listed in the minutes for the meeting in which they were assigned. Progress on each item will be reviewed at subsequent RAB meetings. When an action item is closed the written response will be included in the meeting minutes.

C. Final documents, comments, response to action items, and RAB minutes will become part of the administrative record on which the selection of response action will be based. The administrative record will be made available to the public in the information repository.

D. Although the RAB is not a decision making body and its opinions and advice are not legally binding, they will be incorporated into all BCT decision making processes.

X. TERMINATION

The RAB will function in accordance with the above as long as it serves its intended purpose. It will be disbanded upon a consensus of the regular members. The provisions of the Charter and By-laws will be satisfied and complete when determined by the Co-chairs.

XII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND MODIFICATION

The Charter and By-laws are effective upon signature by the Co-chairs, the Alaska and EPA regulators on the BCT, and 2/3 of the present community RAB members. This Charter and By-laws may be amended by 2/3 vote of the members present at a RAB meeting if a quorum exists. The Charter and By-laws shall be published and distributed within 30 days of amendment. IT IS SO AGREED:

David Anderson
Army Co-chairman

Date

Stephen Fields
Community Co-chairman

Date

Matt Wilkening
U.S. EPA, Region X

Date

Ronan Short
ADEC

Date

Ken Spiers
BEC

Date

Ray Woodruff

Date

Mike Murphy

Date

David Lovett

Date

Stan VanDenBerg

Date

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Edgren	Al	ANDR - Division of Forestry	P.O. Box 1149	Delta Junction	AK	99737	907-895-4225
Fields	Stephen	Sal/Big Delta Soil & Wat Cons District	P.O. Box 1013	Delta Junction	AK	99737	907-895-1950
Good	Nathaniel	Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee	P.O. Box 827	Delta Junction	AK	99737	907-895-6282
Layne	Robert	ADNR - Division of Land	3700 Airport Way	Fairbanks	AK	99709-4699	907-451-2700
Meyer	P.R.		P.O. Box 384	Delta Junction	AK	99737	907-895-4493
Short	Ronan	Alaska Dept of Environ Conservation	610 University Avenue	Fairbanks	AK	99709-3643	907-451-2156

Memo



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TO: Distribution
Gerstle River Restoration Advisory Board

FROM: Kimberly Morris

DATE: January 19, 1998

SUBJECT: Appendix B Update to Gerstle River Expansion Area
Restoration Advisory Board Summary Report

Please find enclosed an update to the Gerstle River Expansion Area, Restoration Advisory Board Summary Report originally dated September 1997. The enclosed sections need to be either replaced or inserted in your copy of the report. Changes to the report are summarized below:

Final 8/12/97 Meeting Minutes In Appendix A, replace draft meeting notes on pages A-2 through A-5 with final meeting notes enclosed.

Appendix B Insert Appendix B behind Appendix A. Appendix B contains information about the RAB meeting held on December 9, 1997.

The bright pink pages contain instructions on updating your report and also divide each section. Please follow the instructions on the pink pages for updating your report and discard the pink pages when you have replaced or inserted the appropriate section.

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Meeting Notes

Gerstle River Expansion Area

Restoration Advisory Meeting - Kick Off Meeting

August 12, 1997, Diamond Willow Club, Fort Greely, Alaska 8:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Mr. Robert Chivvis of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

I. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting started with introductions of those present (see meeting sign-in sheet).

II. SUMMARY OF JULY 16 PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Chivvis provided a summary of the July 16 public meeting, which was held to solicit interest in the RAB. At the July 16 public meeting, presentations were given by the Corps explaining the purpose of the RAB, responsibilities of RAB members, and current site activities. A demonstration was also provided on how to access and use the Gerstle River Expansion Area Information Repository installed at Fort Greely Library.

III. CONFIRM RAB MEMBERS

Mr. Chivvis asked each person to express whether he/she would be interested in acting as a member of the Gerstle River Expansion Area RAB.

Mr. P.R. Miller affirmed that he would participate in the RAB.

Mr. Nat Good affirmed that he would participate in the RAB and that he thought others in the community may be interested.

Mr. Steve DuBois stated that he would participate in RAB as a representative of Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Mr. Al Edgren affirmed that he would participate in the RAB as a representative for Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and that he would like to see Robert Layne formally represent the interests of the landowner.

Mr. Robert Layne affirmed that he would participate in the RAB in the role as land owner and in the manner appropriate for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land.

Mr. Steve Fields affirmed that he would participate in the RAB.

Questions were raised regarding the work that was going to be performed at the Expansion Area this summer and why it appears that the Corps is going backward instead of progressing forward with the scheduled field work. Mr. Jim Levine of the Corps explained that the Corps is

reviewing data in order to perform the most effective cleanup. Mr. Levine further explained how investigations vary dramatically based on what is known about the site. For example, it is a much more complicated and time consuming effort to look for chemical weapons as opposed to hydrocarbon contamination or debris. Mr. Chivvis mentioned that the Corps has to consider other concerns when evaluating the clean up since the area continues to be used for hunting and recreational uses and the areas in question are more accessible and used more frequently than in the past. Mr. Chivvis further explained how forming the RAB would help the Corps develop a more responsive clean up effort and would keep the community informed about site activities. Mr. Chivvis tabled further discussion of site activities since the Corps intended to discuss current site activities later during the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the authority of RAB members to vote. There was dissention on whether state and/or federal agencies are voting members of the RAB. Mr. Chivvis and Mr. Jim Levine of the Corps explained that the goal of the RAB was to provide the opportunity for the community to voice their opinions, and that state agencies already have a mechanism by which to discuss the project. After some discussion, it was decided that only community representatives would be given the authority to vote, and state and federal agency representatives would act in advisory roles without authority to vote.

There was discussion on whether or not sufficient interest was exhibited to form a RAB, and what alternatives could be used to keep the community involved other than a RAB. Mr. Chivvis explained that the Corps could continue to conduct public meetings in an open forum format as they have done in the past. The Corps could also continue to use newsletters or factsheets as a method of keeping the community informed on site activities.

The group discussed the turn out for the meeting, and it was agreed that the turn out was low and probably not indicative of the interest level in the community. Questions were posed as to how the meeting was advertised. Mr. Chivvis replied that the Corps had sent individual letters to all community members who had expressed interest in participating in the Gerstle River Expansion Area RAB, and advertised the meeting in the Fairbanks Daily News Miner and the Delta Wind. Other methods which may improve community awareness and turnout for meetings were discussed, such as: notices posted at the local grocery store, public service announcements, or a reminder notice sent out a couple of days prior to the meeting.

Mr. Chivvis proposed that the RAB be formed, confirming Mr. Miller, Mr. Good and Mr. Fields as community members, Mr. DuBois, Mr. Edgren, and Mr. Layne as state agency representatives, Mr. Ronan Short of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as the state regulatory agency representative, and Mr. Chivvis as the federal agency co-chair. It was agreed.

Although no bylaws were officially adopted, it was agreed that the meeting should follow Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.

IV. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIR

Mr. Chivvis moved that the nomination and election of a community co-chair be postponed until the next meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

V. RAB BYLAWS AND MISSION STATEMENT

The bylaws and mission statement adopted by the Fort Greely Base Realignment and Closure RAB were provided as an example for the Gerstle River Expansion Area RAB. Mr. Layne moved that the Fort Greely BRAC RAB bylaws and mission statement be accepted as an example. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. Mr. Fields and Mr. Chivvis read the mission statement and bylaws aloud and the RAB discussed which portions should be substantially changed, and which portions would need only minor changes to be relevant. It was agreed that Mr. Chivvis would draft a mission statement and bylaws for the Gerstle River Expansion Area RAB and send a copy to each of the RAB members prior to the next meeting.

VI. CURRENT SITE ACTIVITIES

Corps representatives provided an overview of current site activities.

Archive Search - The Corps is conducting an intensive record review to obtain a better understanding of past activities at the Expansion Area. A report will be prepared which should be available to RAB members around the first week in September.

Document Declassification - The Corps is attempting to declassify documents related to the Expansion Area. Mr. Short is also working on this effort.

Engineering Evaluation/Cost Estimate - If the archive search indicates sites within the Expansion Area, which are potentially hazardous, the Corps will proceed with an EE/CA to evaluate options for site cleanup.

Mr. Fields posed the question as to whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would be involved in the Gerstle River Expansion Area RAB. Mr. Levine replied that the EPA was given the opportunity to be involved, but did not express any interest in participating.

VII. NEXT RAB MEETING

The RAB discussed whether the Gerstle River Expansion Area RAB meetings should continue to be held following the Fort Greely BRAC RAB meetings. It was decided that the meetings should be held on a different night, not following the BRAC RAB meetings, at an earlier time, at a location in Delta Junction. Meeting locations suggested include City Hall and the Community Center.

The group discussed the date for the next meeting and agreed to tentatively schedule it for December 9, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. at the Delta Junction City Hall. The Corps mentioned that a

video was in the process of being developed, which could perhaps be shown at the next RAB meeting.

The RAB discussed where copies of RAB meeting minutes and documents related to the site should be stored. The information repository consists of a CD and program located at Fort Greely library, which may not be convenient for the community. Different locations were discussed, such as the Delta Junction Library. The Corps also discussed the web site which is being developed and agreed to investigate whether copies of documents could be made available through the web site.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

